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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Application No. 09/457,466 Filing Date December 8, 1999 First Named Inventor Brad Handler Group Art Unit 2161 Examiner Name E. Pierre Attorney Docket No. 3801P004 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. [X] Previously submitted [X] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37. C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 1-4-2002 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Other_ **Enclosed**] Amendment/Reply i. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Other Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) a. [] for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. [] Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to a. [X] Deposit Account No. <u>02-2666</u> [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) One Month Extension iii. [] Other Check in the amount of \$ 850.00 enclosed b. [X] Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Name (Print/Type) /Libby H. Hope Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 46, 774 Signature CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, D.C. 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on: Name (Print/Type) Debbie Peloquin

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